

*pristoptera*. Three forms, *fuliginosa*, *obscura* and *albiceps* are best given specific rank within the *pristoptera* superspecies, and all the remainder treated as races of *pristoptera* (the oldest name).

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## A new form of Spike-heeled Lark from Bechuanaland

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Mr. R. H. Smithers, Director of the National Museums of Southern Rhodesia has asked me to describe a form of *Chersomanes albofasciata* which he recently sent to me for examination, and which appears to be new. I therefore propose:—

*Chersomanes albofasciata barlowi* subsp. nov.

*Description*: much paler than either of the other Bechuanaland forms (*kalahariae* and *bathoeni*), and with the upperside much greyer, and lacking any sandy yellow or brown shade; nearest to *erikssoni* of Ovamboland, but still greyer above and with the upperside plainer, due to the reduction in dark streaking; below much paler than *erikssoni*, the middle of the abdomen whiter, and the breast with fine and diffused brown streaking. The rufous on the upper tail coverts is very light and only slightly indicated and the white tip to the tail very narrow.

*Type*: male collected on 18th January, 1959, at Lake Dow, south of Makaikari, Bechuanaland, by the Barlow-National Museum Expedition. In the National Museum, Bulawayo. No. 39,872.

*Distribution*: only known from the Lake Dow area of Bechuanaland. The most north eastern form of the species.

*Notes*: 14 specimens examined. Named after Mr. C. S. Barlow who has sponsored the National Museum's work in Bechuanaland.

## A substitute name for a Philippine Tailor-bird

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In describing a new subspecies of the tailor-bird *Orthotomus atrogularis* from the Philippine island of Negros, I inexplicably overlooked the prior use in this genus of the subspecific name I had chosen. I hasten, therefore, to provide a substitute, as follows:

*Orthotomus atrogularis rabori*, nom. nov.

Replaces *Orthotomus atrogularis heterolaemus* Parkes, *Bull. Brit. Orn. Club*, 80, 1960, p. 77, not *Phyllergates heterolaemus* Mearns, *Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington*, 18, 1905, p. 86, now *Orthotomus cucullatus heterolaemus* (Mearns).

This name is proposed in acknowledgment of the great debt all modern workers on Philippine birds owe to Dr. D. S. Rabor of Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Negros, for his untiring efforts in collecting and for his many important discoveries of new Philippine forms.